

Middletown Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Middletown Public Library, 700 West Main Road

Minutes

Board Members:

Present: John Grisham, Holly Levine, Lynda Bronaugh, Virgel Blaschke, Steve Arendt,

Peter Van Steeden

Absent: Mary Ulrich Budlong

Quorum: Yes

Others Present: Barbara Camadeco, Noel Whitehurst

Proceedings:

- . Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair, John Grisham**
- . Virgel Blaschke was welcomed as Trustee.**
- . Motion to accept minutes of May 22, 2007 as submitted and June 7, 2007 as amended. Unanimously approved**

Correspondence:

- . Letter from Nancy Baldwin Rowe re: Donation to Library.**
- . Letters from Robyn Golden and Patrick Crowley. Discussion referred to executive session.**

Director's progress and financial reports on the library

- . Written report submitted. Barbara Camadeco orally reviewed information.**

- Motion to accept Director's report as amended. Unanimously carried.

Committee Reports

--Budget

- . John Grisham reported the Budget committee met May 23, June 6 and June 13. Due to the diligence and efforts of all we are going to be within budget for FY'07.

--Director Search.

- . Report to be given in executive session

--Friends.

- . Virgel Blaschke reported that 7 pints of blood were donated on June 7 and another blood drive is planned for Oct 18. Opening night of the book sale will be September 28 and it will run thru Oct 6. Donations will be accepted in August. The bake sale will be held on November 17. The friends have decided to dedicate a stone under the Giving Tree in honor of Ed Wray. John Grisham appointed Virgel Blaschke to be Friend's liaison.

--Library Hours.

- . Holly Levine reported that the committee met June 18 and decided to endorse the recommendation that the library be open Mon-Thurs 9:30am-8:00pm, Friday 9:30am-5:00pm and Saturday 9:30am-1:00pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day AND the library be open 9:30am-8:00pm Mon thru Thursday, 9:30am-5:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and 1:00-5:00pm on Sunday from Labor Day to Memorial Day. It was decided to recommend the Labor Day to Memorial Day changes be institute now, with the Memorial Day to Labor Day

changes to be adopted when the director has had more time to create the schedule.

--Children's Room.

. No report

. Virgel Blaschke noted that the Friends were anxious to get started on the renovation. The board agreed that the committee needed to start meeting again and they would convey the message to Mary Ulrich Budlong.

Old Business

--Update re: UPS System. Peter Van Steeden reported that he is getting instructions on how to check the units to see what is working.

-- Honoring Ed Wray.

. Discussed during Friend's report.

New Business

-- Library Hours

. Noel Whitehurst addressed the board. He stated that the union's concern was that we follow the rules of the contract. He also said that having the regular staff work on Sundays was a big lifestyle change for them, causing them to make difficult choices.

. The board expressed concern that Patrick Crowley was not present to represent the staff and it's concerns. Noel was asked to call Patrick on his cell to offer a special meeting with Patrick Crowley before

voting on changing the hours.

Meeting Break – 7:30-7:38

. Noel Whitehurst told the board that he spoke with Patrick Crowley and Patrick did not feel he needed to meet with the board prior to the vote.

. Motion to have MPL open the following hours starting the Tuesday after Labor Day and ending the Sunday prior to Memorial Day. Mon thru Thurs 9:30am to 8:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 9:30am to 5:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Library will be closed the Sunday of a holiday weekend, Mother's Day and any other Sunday that the Director deems appropriate. And Director instructed to implement the new hours following the rules of the contract and within the budget. Unanimously carried.

Public presentation to, or discussion with the board. None

Open Call by Chair Announcing Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-2, 42-46-4, 42-46-5(a)(1) (personnel matters), 42-46-5(a)(2) (collective bargaining and/or litigation)

Barbara Camadeco received written notification and requested that the executive session be held in closed session.

Motion to go into executive session. Unanimously carried.

Executive session, door closed, session called to order at 7:23 pm – Executive session adjourned at 9:05 pm, doors opened, returned to open meeting.

Motion to adopt March 26, April 17 and May 22 executive session minutes as amended. For: Lynda Bronaugh, Holly Levine, Peter Van Steeden, Steve Arendt. Abstained: Virgel Blaschke. Motion carried.

Motion to seal tonight's executive session minutes. Unanimously carried.

Announcements: none

Motion to adjourn. Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Holly Levine